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## Labor in the Lord

- Pastor Sorenson

St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

As our country pauses on the first Monday of September in observance of Labor Day, let us reflect on these words from our Lord. For truly, even in the Garden of Eden, God created us to labor, to work in this world. In this way, we do well not to see work as merely a chore or a means to an end, but as a gift from the Lord.

That's not always easy to do, however, especially since the Fall into sin brought pain and agony to work. Yet, even with the curses of sin added to it, work and labor remain a gift from our Creator.

These words from St. Paul remind us of the reason why. Doing the work God has given us, laboring in our many and various vocations, is never in vain. Instead, God is always accomplishing His purposes through our work.

Sometimes that means that God is caring for us directly. Perhaps that is through earning a paycheck or keeping the house clean and livable. Sometimes that means God is caring for the creation. This occurs as we mow the grass or plant a garden or work the fields. Sometimes, and perhaps more often than we realize, that means God is caring for our neighbor. This God does as our work benefits our customers, provides food and clothing for our spouse and children, aids those in need, and so on.

The devil loves it when we make work solely about me and what I can get out of it, because then it is easy to despise work or avoid it if there doesn't seem to be a benefit to me personally. But God reminds us that even when our work doesn't seem to benefit us directly, it is never in vain.

What a joy this is! And what a defense this is against the attacks of the devil. After all, times will come when we want to grumble about doing various kinds of labor (taking out the trash, going to work the next day, volunteering to help with an event, etc.), but we realize even these labors, as we do them in the Lord, are not in vain. They are bearing fruit, perhaps for ourselves, the creation, or our neighbor, in ways that we may not always see.

Thus, dear saints, as we observe Labor Day once again this year, take it as an opportunity to reflect on all of the different kinds of work or labor that God has given you and how, in that labor, you are God's hands and feet to serve in this world.

When we view our labor in this way, it can lead us to truly appreciate the opportunity to work. Even if my work doesn't bring me an immediate and direct benefit, I know that God is using it for His good and gracious purposes. Be steadfast and immovable, then, in your labor because, in the Lord, it is never in vain! It is always to His praise and glory as He uses it for good no matter what.

## WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

**Worship Service Update:** For each service, the radio transmitter will still be used and the sermon and readings will be posted on the website.

### Bible Studies In-Person:

- **Sundays:** We are studying the minor prophets Sunday mornings after worship. This month we will study the prophet Micah.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** We will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.
- **Book of Concord Study:** Second Sunday of the month, September 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Formula of Concord and we will have a pitch-in dinner following the study.

**Online Bible Study:** Resources, including full Bible studies and devotional videos are available on our church Youtube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzA1mStTKU8Sb0ia1OjDrPg>).

### Sermons and Devotional Resources:

- Weekly sermons will be posted on our church website (<http://www.stpeterwaymansville.com>) on the sermon page under the "At St. Peter" tab. (Direct link to that page -[http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page\\_id=417](http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=417))
- You can also find helpful resources for your home devotions on the "Devotional Resources" page under the "Resources" tab ([http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page\\_id=489](http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=489)). Now is a great time to begin, continue, and strengthen a home devotional pattern by yourself and with your family.
- Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. You can drop by and pick one up or contact Pastor or the church office to have one delivered.

**Lord's Supper:** If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper during this time, please contact Pastor Sorenson via call, text, or email. His phone number is 812-371-1151 and his email is [pastoresorenson@gmail.com](mailto:pastoresorenson@gmail.com). He would be happy to meet you at the church for this purpose or to bring it to your home, making sure at all times to take the necessary safety precautions.

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May these resources assist you as you continue to hear the Word of God and cry out to Him in prayer.  
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## 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FOLLOW-UP

**Cookbook:** The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! They are available for \$20 each. Proceeds will benefit the 150th anniversary celebration events and the general fund. Grab one for yourself, your family, and your friends! They also make great birthday and Christmas gifts!

**Cat's Meow:** Cat's Meow cutouts of the church to celebrate the 150th anniversary are available for \$20 each. You can pick one up on Sunday mornings or during the week.

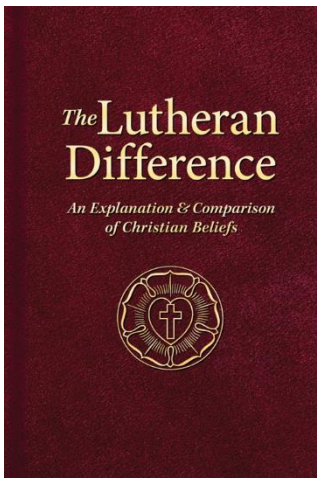
## IN OUR PRAYERS

Throughout the year, this space will be used to encourage you to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Peter in your prayers. As you pray for them, you may even ask them how you can pray for them. Families will be listed in alphabetical order throughout the year. During this month, you are encouraged to pray for:

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| • Rick & Alberta Schafstall         | • Pastor, Michelle, Seth, & Lucy Sorenson | • Bob & Connie Stiles   |
| • Don Schafstall                    | • Teresa Spray                            | • Carla Strasser        |
| • Kevin, Michelle, & Laurie Schultz | • Charlie & Janet Spurgeon                | • Danny & Judy Strasser |
| • Jonah Sciano                      |   |                         |

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Amazon Smile:** St. Peter is now on Amazon Smile! Amazon Smile is a donation platform for different organizations. When you go onto Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you can order items that are on Amazon just like normal and .05% of your purchase will be matched by Amazon and donated to the church! Just make sure to select our church as the donation, and they do the rest! If anyone has any questions, please contact the office at [waymansvillestpeter@yahoo.com](mailto:waymansvillestpeter@yahoo.com) or at (812)390-5980 (Camden)



**Book of the Month:** The Book of the Month will be available in the Parish Hall library for you to look through and read. You may take the book home to read as well, but we ask that you please do not hold onto it for too long so other people can enjoy it as well. The September Book of the Month is *"The Lutheran Difference: An Explanation & Comparison of Christian Beliefs."* Here is an excerpt from the book: "As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the 'what' of the doctrines of the Church, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the 'why.' When confronted with different doctrines or denominations, they sometimes cannot clearly state their faith – much less understand the differences. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some Lutherans may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word. *The Lutheran Difference* identifies how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ."

**Board Positions:** At our October voters' meeting, we will elect new board members for the positions of chairman, financial secretary, and practical services. If you would be willing to serve in any of these roles, please let a current board member know.

**College Outreach and Care:** As a new school year begins, we will continue our college outreach and care program for our college students. If you are going to college (or know a member who is going to college), please let Pastor Sorenson know so he can add you to the list.

**Thrivent Action Teams:** If you have any Thrivent policies or products, you are eligible for two action teams a year. An action team includes \$250 seed money and may be used for a fundraiser, an educational event, or a service activity. As a church, we have used action teams for the fish fry, the youth golf scramble, Bible studies, etc. If you are interested in using your action teams for events at church or anywhere else, you can look for more information and help signing up on the Thrivent website or by speaking to Pastor.

**Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets:** The 2022 sign-up sheets are up now on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We are always looking for additional people interested in filling these roles. Please feel free to sign up even if you have never before helped in these ways. Someone will be happy to show you the ropes.

**Music Group:** The music group is meeting again on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 PM. Come on out with any instrument you may have to learn, play along, and have fun! (No experience or expertise necessary.) We are also in need of singers who can sing along while we play.

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway between Pastor's office and the church office. The cost to sponsor the flowers is \$20, and the payment can be put in the offering plate or in the mail rack outside the church office door. The flowers are yours for the taking after the worship service. Please contact Sue Anne Lee at (812) 717-0167 if you have any questions.

#### YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

**Youth Group:** The youth group will meet on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have a meal, time to study God's Word, and a fun activity. Feel free to bring a friend! If you would like to be added to the text group to receive youth group notifications, please let Pastor know.

**Sunday School Teachers:** As we approach a new school year, it is time to start planning for Sunday School! We are in need of people to volunteer to help teach our Sunday School classes. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be a part of teaching the Word of God to our children, to dive into the Word yourself, and to build up the entire church. If you are interested in teaching in any capacity (weekly, twice a month, once a month, substitute, etc.), please contact Michelle Schultz or Pastor Sorenson. Thank you for supporting our youth in this way!

**Activity Bags:** I have placed bags in the back of the church for your little ones replacing the old smaller bags. I will try to add to them or replace things in them every few weeks so the children can continue to enjoy them. – Michelle Schultz

## EVENTS

**Game Night:** Game Night will be on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Feel free to bring a dish to share, your favorite games, or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

**Trunk or Treat:** Our second annual Reformation Day Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 PM. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks in regards to a possible theme and other information. Dress up, decorate your trunk, and have a fun afternoon with friends, family, and our community!

**Fish Fry:** The Fish Fry is scheduled for Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM. We will be returning to a dine-in or carry-out style this year. Flyers will be available outside of the church office if you are interested in spreading the word around town.

**Fish Fry Meeting:** We will have a brief Fish Fry planning on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> right after church. Everyone is welcome to attend and lend a helping hand to make the fish fry a success!

## LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

**White Creek Fall Dinner:** Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Carry out only this year. Drive thru from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Adults \$15, children (ages 3-10) \$6, extra meat \$3, extra dessert \$3. Menu: baked ham or turkey, sage dressing, real mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, home grown corn, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cherry pie, chocolate pie, sugar cream pie, pudding dessert.

**Lakeview 5K and Community Day:** Come out to Camp Lakeview the morning of Labor Day for the Lakeview 5K and Community Day. This event is fun for the whole family and helps support the life-changing ministry at camp. Run or walk around Lutheran Lake, enjoy a free brunch, and check out great camp activities like a giant slip n slide, inflatables, mud pit tug of war, and more. Great course. Great cause. Great community. Great fun. Check it out at [lakeview.camp/5K](http://lakeview.camp/5K).

**Lutheran Heritage Weekend:** Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church (Columbus). The speaker will be Rev. William Weedon speaking on the topic “The Lutheran Difference: The Way of the First Evangelicals.” Does being Lutheran really matter? Can’t I just be Christian? Our Lutheran Heritage Speaker this year will look at what sets Lutherans in a unique place in the Christian landscape, at once both catholic and evangelical. William Weedon has served as a parish pastor for nearly 30 years. He is currently an assistant pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel, IL. He served as Director of Worship and Chaplain for the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod from 2012-2019. He is the author of several books and hosts the podcast “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.” The schedule for the 10<sup>th</sup> is: 5:30 PM – refreshments, 6:15 PM – Keynote (Rev. Will Weedon), 7:30 PM – Questions and discussion. The evening is open to all in our community. Please call or sign-up on the Grace website ([www.gracecolumbus.org](http://www.gracecolumbus.org)). Childcare is free, but please tell us in advance if you need it.

## FROM THE OFFICE

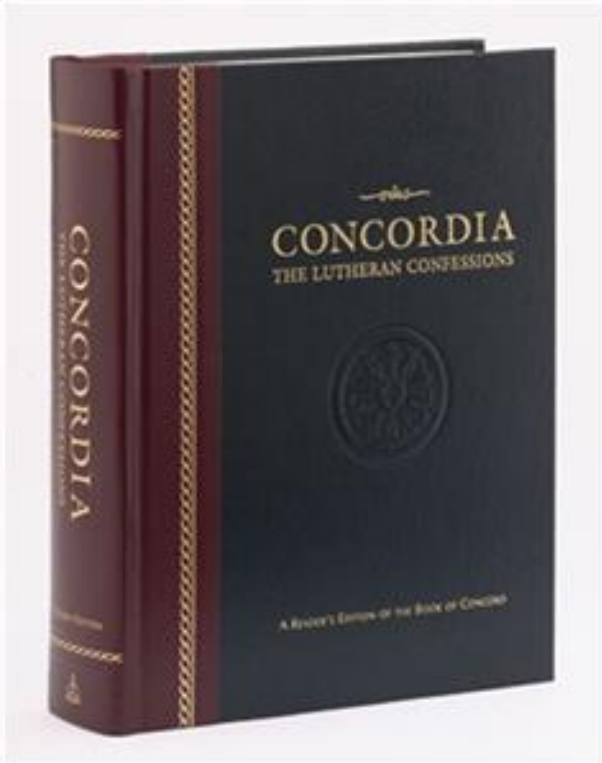
**Contact Information:** As the situation around us continues to change daily, we would like to be able to contact everyone in a quick and timely manner. If you could please contact Camden or Pastor to update your contact information, especially phone number and email, that would help us tremendously and be greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on the church Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. Thank you!

**Church Constitution:** If you would like to sign the church constitution, please contact Camden.

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### Book of Concord Corner

“Let us, then, learn well the First Commandment, that we may see how God will tolerate no overconfidence nor any trust in any other object. We will see how He requires nothing greater from us than confidence from the heart for everything good. Then we may live right and straightforward and use all the blessings that God gives, just as a shoemaker uses his needle, awl, and thread for work and then lays them aside. Or we may behave like a traveler using an inn, food, and bed only to meet his present need. Each person may dot his in his calling, according to God’s order, and without allowing any of these things to be his lord or idol. This is enough about the First Commandment, which we have had to explain at length, since it is of chief importance. For, as said earlier, where the heart is rightly set toward God (Deuteronomy 32:46) and this commandment is observed, all the other commandments follow.” (Large Catechism I, 47)

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## **Fish Fry**

Menu:  
Fish Sandwiches  
Hot Dogs  
Chips  
Pie (Apple, cherry, & pumpkin)  
Drinks  
*\* Freewill donation*



**Dine in  
Or Carryout**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

## St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

September 2022

Ushers: Kevin & Laurie Schultz

Acolytes:

September 4 – Trevor Acree

September 11 – Rayleigh Acton

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

September 18 – Trevor Acree

September 25 – Rayleigh Acton

No sign-ups

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: 10/7: Game Night 10/16: Fish Fry 10/30: Trunk or Treat				1  10 AM – Elders meeting	2	3
<b>4</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>8</b>  6 PM – Music Group 7 PM – Board meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis  5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  9 AM – 2 PM - Pastor @ Circuit meeting	<b>14</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School (Fish Fry meeting beforehand) 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis  5:00 PM – Youth Group	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>22</b>  6 PM – Music Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	